

# **Town of Lexington**

## **Center Streetscape Design Review Ad Hoc Committee**

**Tuesday November 8, 2016**

**PARKER ROOM on the ground floor of the Town Office Building,  
1625 Mass Ave., Lexington, MA  
8:00 am to 10:00 am**

**Committee Members:** Victoria C. Buckley (Disability Commission), Nancy Corcoran-Ronchetti (Planning Board), Anne L. Eccles (HDC), Margaret S. Enders (Bicycle Advisory), John W. Frey (Tree), Jonathan A. Himmel (Tourism), Wendall C. Kalsow (Historical Comm), Timothy D. Lee (Design Advisory), Howard L. Levin (Chair), Pamela F. Shadley (Center Committee),

**Liaisons:** Elaine Doran (Garden Club), Wendy Manz (Capital Expenditures), Glenn Parker (Appropriations), Eric J. Michelson (Retailers Assoc), David. Wells (Hist. Society), Ada Wong (Chamber)

**Invitees:** John Livsey (DPW), Michelle Ciccolo (Board of Selectmen), Melisa Tintocalis (EDD), David Pinsonneault (DPW)

### **Next Committee Meetings**

Center Streetscape Committee Meetings, all at 8-10 AM in the Parker Room:

>>>Monday November 14th , Tuesdays, November 22nd, November 29th [tentative, Estabrook Hall]

## **AGENDA**

1. Approve Minutes for Meeting on 10-25-2016
2. Presentations on landscaping, structural soils, tree selections, tree wells, plantings, irrigation:
  - a. *Introductions and overview by Tim Lee 5 min;*
  - b. *Tree selection, placement, and tree well design by BETA and David Pinsonneault (20-30 min);*
  - c. *Tony Will (Read Custom Soils, CU Structural soils) 20-30 min,*
  - d. *Jeff Bowman (Irrigation Consulting Inc.) 20-30 min*
3. Open discussion on landscaping, structural soils, tree selections, tree wells, plantings, irrigation
4. Brief reports and questions from Tier Subgroups
5. Update on proposed Tier 1 revisions: *Questions to think about, no judgments yet:*
  - a. *The cost of brick installation cost is so much higher than cement, how might we direct the cost management discussion so as to retain the 100% brick solution in the core commercial district?*
  - b. *Should we suggest an alternative to be used in non-core locations, defining the limited areas where that might be acceptable without damaging the aesthetic character of the Center?*
  - c. *If we stick with a 100% brick recommendation, are we being less persuasive or more?*
  - d. *Thoughtful approaches that would add worthwhile features to the hardscape?*

- e. *Opportunities to make small changes in the BETA plan that would save significant \$\$?*
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**SUMMARY OF UPDATED TIER SUBJECTS AND SUBGROUPS:**

**Tier 2:**

- Overall layout and site design: pedestrian, bicyclist, and driving experience
- Landscaping (trees, shrubs, structural soil)
- Irrigation and infrastructure
- Street Furnishings
  - Benches, Tables and Chairs
  - Bicycle Parking
  - Trash Receptacles/Recycling
- Roadway features: Crosswalk and median materials
- Buffers and Edges (Thin planters, Stone walls, bollards, Edging)
- Stormwater including Infiltration basins

**Tier 3:**

- Interpretive and Educational Elements
  - Imbedded in and along sidewalk
  - Interpretive signage and markers
  - Materials (posts, plaques and markers)
  - Interface with Grain Mill Alley (activity area?)
- Signage and Wayfinding
- Disruption, budgeting and cost control strategies
- Committee Follow-through
- Oversight and Project Management

**Tier 2 Subgroup:**

Tim Lee (Chair), Peggy Enders, John Frey, David Wells, Elaine Doran. (General Public expressing interest in participation: John Flynn, Mark Connor, Gerry Paul.)

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Anne Eccles (Chair), David Wells Nancy Corcoran-Ronchetti, Eric Michelson. (General Public expressing interest in participation: Fred Johnson, Elizabeth Brach.)